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## A TRIBUTE TO M'KINLEY.

Meetings at the Episcopal Churches of Wilmington, N. C.—Collector Dancy's Eloquent Eulogy on the Life and Services of the Late Wm McKinley.

Wilmington, N. C.—(Special)—Thursday, September 19th, the Methodist Episcopal churches of this city, in compliance with the directions of Bishop Watson, held memorial services at the different M. E. churches in the city. These services were well attended, the largest attendance probably being at St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church.

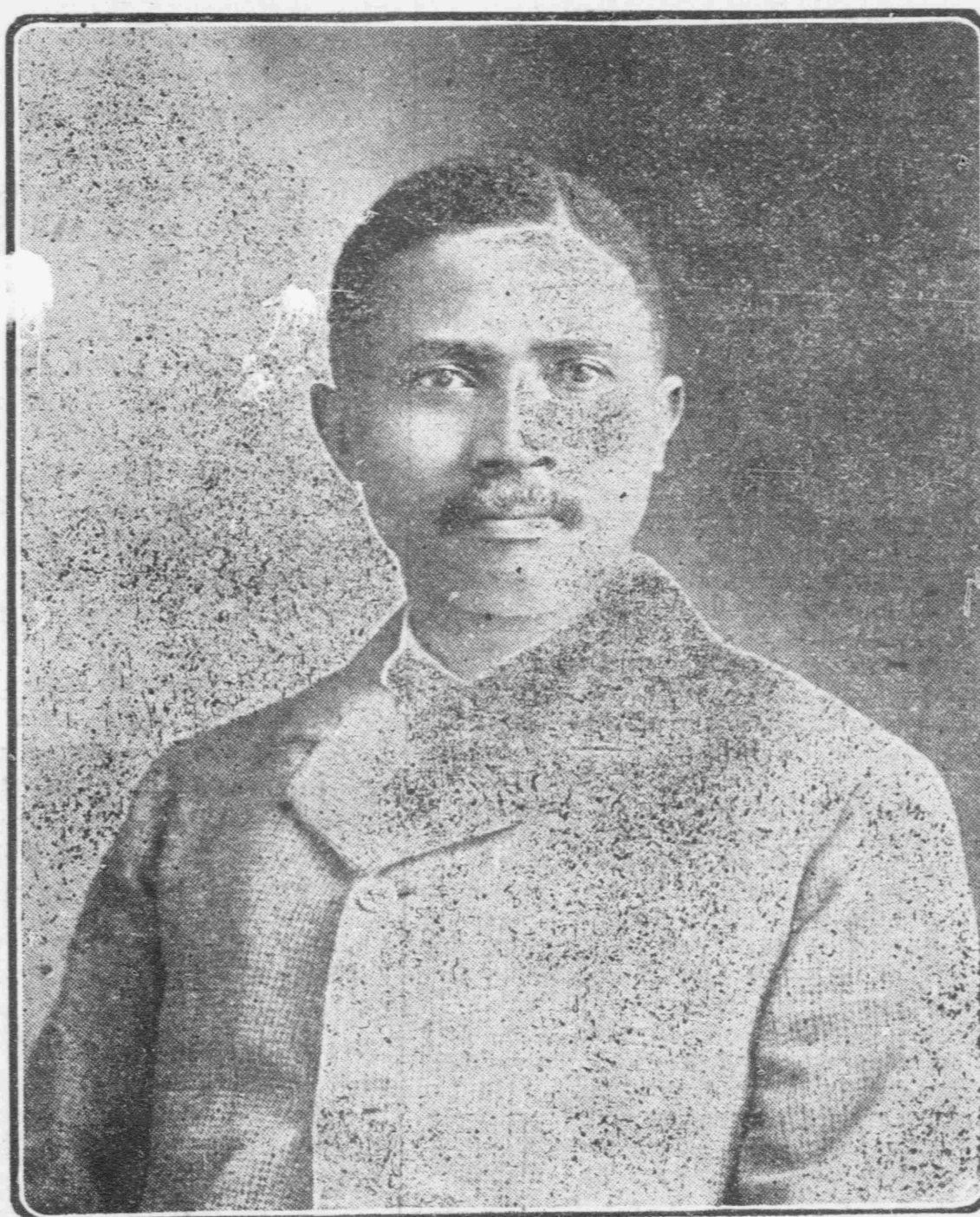
At the appointed hour the vested choir entered the church. The bells tolled and the rector, Rev. E. Robert Bennett, read the sentences at the beginning of the burial service. After reaching their respective stations the hymn "Asleep in Jesus" was sung, also selections from the 30th and 90th Psalms. The lesson was from First Corinthians xv, beginning at the 20th verse. Hymn 348 was next sung as the introit to the communion service. After the hymn, the collect for the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity and for All Saints' Day were said, the epistle and gospel being that for All Saints' Day. The anthem "O Death, Where Is Thy Victory?" by W. J. Spinney, was sung as the sequence. After the singing of the credo the 344th hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee" was sung.

The rector then introduced Collector John C. Dancy as the highest official representing the Government in the city of Wilmington and as personally acquainted with the late President McKinley.

Collector Dancy delivered a fine eulogy and spoke substantially as follows:

"We always regret the death of a friend. The regret increases with the intimacy of the friendship. The nation, with the world, mourns the loss of President McKinley. As Rachael weeping over the loss of her children, refusing to be comforted because they are not, so we mourn the loss of our late President, because he is not. President McKinley rose from the depths and attained to the greatest distinction. He came from the masses, understood the masses, sought to uplift the masses. He loved his mother, was obedient to his mother, and arose to preferment because of his respect for his mother. He was popular with the boys of his youth; was singled out by them as their leader. 'The boy is father to the man.' The boy who led his comrades in youth will lead his comrades in manhood.

"Such, at least, was William McKinley. The qualities which made him great are not far to seek. He loved his fellows. He never hated them. A lover of mankind is loved by mankind. He was a patriot in early life. Before he attained his majority he was a Union soldier. He went through the war, carrying his colors valiantly until he was honorably mustered out of service. He attained to the position, by his own gallantry, of major in the regular army. Not by prefer-



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ment, but by service.

"In peace, he fought his own way and thus became the architect of his own fortune. Possessing naturally a legal mind, he studied law and gained distinction at once in his profession.

"This naturally led him into the political field, and in other things, so in politics he became a leader. He had Congressional ambition early in life and became a candidate for Congressional honor. This ambition was gratified in that he was triumphantly elected. This began his national career.

"Senator John Sherman advised him in his early Congressional career to master some subject of national importance. He took his advice and studied the tariff question. He attracted attention at once in a discussion of this subject. He rose to preferment, as an authority on this subject, second in importance to William D. Kelley, of Pennsylvania. He stood for a protective tariff, and the parties divided on this issue. He assumed the leadership of the Republican forces.

"When defeated for Speakership by the master mind in American politics, Thomas B. Reed, that great leader named him for the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee of the National Congress. The position furnished him the opportunity to prepare a tariff measure which bore his

name and virtually made him the Presidential candidate of the Republican party in 1896. As Seward said of Clay, 'He held the key to the hearts of his countrymen and could turn the wards within them with a skill attained by no other master.' He was the author and promoter of a great measure, designed to benefit and strengthen the whole country. He was a champion of domestic and foreign peace, and yielded to war only when it was inevitable. As President he opposed the Spanish war until escape from it was impossible. He yielded in order to give liberty and popular government to the islands to which they had been denied. He favored the open door in the Orient to American commerce and therefore accepted the Philippine Islands as a result of the conquest of Spain. He gave new life to the American army and made the navy the envy of the nations of the world. He stood not for aggression and quarrelsomeness, but for the peace of the world; and yet he would have the nations to understand that America was able to take care of herself.

"In his contest for the Presidency on two different occasions he stood against the most masterful orator of the Democratic party, William J. Bryan. Both of them sprang from the

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## MISSED AN EARTHQUAKE.

All Charleston happy—Dr. Crums Experience—Claffin's Musical and Literary Entertainment—Notes of the Exposition—Prospect for the New South.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—(Special.)—On Wednesday night a fine musical and literary entertainment was given by the resident teachers, graduates, and students of Claflin University. The concert was given for the benefit of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and, judging from the large audience present, there is no doubt that their efforts were well repaid. The programme, which was very instructive, was well rendered. The quartette "The Nightingale," sung by Misses H. A. Marshall, E. Clarke, D. Chisholm, and Lula Hunt, is worthy of special mention. These young ladies acquitted themselves splendidly, as is generally the case when they appear before the public. The solo "Katie," by Miss Hattie Marshall, was loudly applauded. Miss Marshall is one of the best soprano singers that Charleston has yet produced; her great talent is generally acknowledged throughout the South. The Claflin teachers left a few days after the concert for Orangeburg, where they will be engaged during the winter.

The platform service at Wesley M. E. Church, Sunday night, was well attended. Among the speakers were Dr. L. M. Dunton, President Claflin University, and Thomas J. Jackson, Secretary of the Negro Department of the Exposition. The speeches made by the above-mentioned gentlemen showed careful thought and study.

We Charlestonians have been somewhat excited and apprehensive this week on account of predictions of a cyclone which was to strike the city either Friday evening or Saturday morning. All day Friday the wind blew at an unusually rapid rate and sand storms were almost blinding. There was considerable speculation as to what destruction a cyclone might bring to the city, and many reminiscences recalled of experiences during the earthquake of 1887 and the former cyclone of 1893. It is interesting to hear the older inhabitants tell of incidents and happenings on the memorable 31st of August, 1887, when the fearful quaking of mother earth threatened death and dire calamity to the entire city. Some persons were actually frightened to death; others were killed or wounded by falling debris, and still others had miraculous escapes from injury. Once I heard Dr. W. D. Crum tell how he escaped a horrible fate. He was out that night attending to professional duties and was walking back home after the first shock, when suddenly something seemed to whisper to him: "Get out in the middle of the street." Mechanically he obeyed the command of this voice, and none too soon, for scarcely was he at a safe distance off the sidewalk when the end wall of a dwelling directly opposite fell with a deafening crash. The doctor has never been able to understand what benign influence di-

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